**Enactment of SEZ Legislation/Bill**

1568. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects were approved so far by the Government;

(b) when would the Legislation/Bill be enacted for SEZ;

(c) how many SEZ were converted from Export Processing Zones (EPZs); and

(d) how many SEZ were sanctioned in Karnataka and what is the status of those project; is there a proposal to establish a SEZ at Hubli-Dharwad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Approvals have so far been granted for setting up of 38 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the private/ joint sector or by the State Government and its agencies on the basis of proposals received from them.

(b) It is proposed to enact a legislation for the SEZs covering all aspects of their establishment, operation and fiscal regime, shortly.

(c) All the 8 functioning Export Processing Zones have been converted into SEZs.

(d) Approvals have been given for establishment of 2 SEZs in Karnataka, as per the details given below:

| Location | Name of promoter | Date of Approval | Status of implementation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hassan | Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board | 08.08.2003 | Joint venture partner under finalization |
| Baikampady | Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry | 08.08.2003 | Formation of special purpose vehicle to implement the project is in progress |

There is no proposal to set up any new SEZ by the Central Government. No proposal has also been received from the private sector/State Government for establishment of an SEZ at Hubli-Dharward.